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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON SUMMIT

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM SCHAUFLE

1. DURING MY CONSULTATIONS IN LONDON, PARIS AND BONN, WE AGREED TOGETHER THAT OUR AMBASSADORS IN ADDIS WOULD WORK CLOSELY DURING THE UPCOMING OAU MEETINGS. THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS COOPERATION IS TO INSURE THAT ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS ARE UNDERTAKEN TO SUPPORT OUR JOINT OBJECTIVES IN ANGOLA -- I.E., END TO ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION, CEASE-FIRE, ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNMENT OF ALL FACTIONS AND NO RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA. THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING IN AFRICA FOR OUR VIEW AGAINST FORMIDABLE OPPOSITION. YOUR MOST IMPORTANT TASK WILL BE TO CONSTANTLY STIFFEN THE RESOLVE OF OUR PRIME MOVERS

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(ZAIRE, ZAMBIA, SENEGAL, IVORY COAST, GABON) AS LELL AS

OTHERS TO STAND UP TO THE HYSTERIA AND HYPERBOLE THAT WE CAN EXPECT FROM THE RADICALS AND NIGERIA. THE FOUR OF YOU (AND POSSIBLY THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN THE CASE OF ZAIRE) WILL HAVE TO DO CONSIDERABLE HAND-HOLDING AND BE READY WITH FIRM RECONFIRMATION OF THE INTENTION OF THE WEST NOT TO ACQUIESCE IN A SOVIET POWER-GRAB AND, IN OUR CASE, RESOLUTELY TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR FRIENDS.

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2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT YOUR COOPERATION WITH THE OTHER WESTERN AMBASSADORS MUST BE DISCRETE AND NOT GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF A NATO ATTEMPT TO UNDULY INFLUENCE THE OAU.

3. IN THE EVENT YOU ARE ASKED ABOUT THE SPECIFIC WORDING OF ANY PROPOSAL (FOR EXAMPLE, FOR A CEASE-FIRE OR A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY) YOU SHOULD BE NON-COMMITTAL AND SAY YOU WILL REFER IT TO WASHINGTON FOR GUIDANCE. WE SEEK TO AVOID INVOLVING THE US IN THE INTRICACIES OF THORNY ISSUES THAT CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED IN AN AFRICAN CONTEXT AND WHERE THE LABEL "MADE IN THE USA" CAN BE AN IMPEDIMENT.

4. IF IT SEEMS OPPORTUNE YOU MIGHT PASS THE WORD AMONG THOSE WHO RELY ON US TO QUESTION THE PROPRIETY OF THE

PRESENCE OF THE SPECIAL CUBAN DELEGATION JUST BEFORE AND DURING THE OAU MEETING.

5. THIS IS OUR PRIORITY ISSUE AND YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO DIVERT RESOURCES FROM LESS IMPORTANT TASKS. WE WILL COUNT ON THE USUAL EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE WE HAVE COME TO EXPECT FROM YOU AND YOUR STAFF. KISSINGER

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